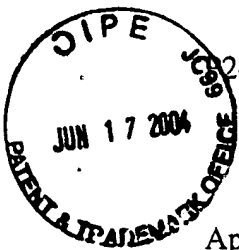


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For : OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISCS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-216674, which was published on August 10, 2001 and is mentioned on page 3 of the specification of the present application, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,480,344 to MARUYAMA, which issued on November 12, 2002;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-249273, which was published on September 14, 2001 and is mentioned on page 3 of the specification of the present application, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,594,222 to MARUYAMA, which issued on July 15, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,118,594 to MARUYAMA, which issued on September 12, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,671,247 to ARAI et al., which issued on December 30, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,636,365 to SAITO et al., which issued on October 21, 2003;  
U.S. Patent No. 6,191,889 to MARUYAMA, which issued on February 20, 2001;  
U.S. Patent No. 6,624,942 to MARUYAMA et al., which issued on September 23, 2003; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,088,322 to BROOME et al., which issued on July 11, 2000.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application:

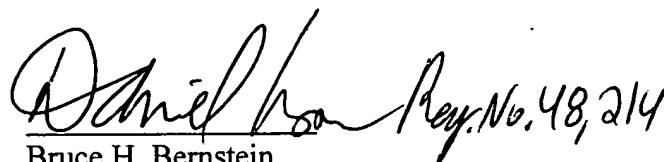
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/790,737 to TAKEUCHI entitled "Objective Lens for Optical Discs," which was filed on March 3, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted application is attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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